

DO YOUR PART

FOR CLIMATE *Friendly* PARKS

What is a carbon footprint?

The quantity of carbon dioxide and other global-warming gases produced by driving, heating and cooling our homes, and other ways we use energy. Using less energy yields a smaller carbon footprint.

Make Your National Park Visit Climate-Friendly

There are many actions you can take to make your visit more climate friendly.

- 1 Emissions from personal vehicles make up the majority of global warming pollution generated in national parks. When possible, carpool or take public transportation to the parks, and use shuttles within the parks.
- 2 Help reduce energy consumed by park buildings. Consider simple actions such as not leaving the water running when brushing teeth or turning off lights where appropriate.
- 3 Recycled paper, plastics and aluminum use 55-95% less energy than products made from scratch.
- 4 It is better to turn your car off than leave it running. Letting your car idle for just 20 seconds burns more gasoline than turning your car off and on again.
- 5 Americans buy about 28 billion water bottles every year. Energy is needed to fill, transport, and refrigerate the bottles and then recover, recycle, or dispose of them.

Don't Stop!

Continue to protect our national parks by making your lifestyle climate-friendly. Sign up now for *Do Your Part!*

1 Walk, carpool, bike, or use public transportation.

2 Conserve park energy.

3 Use park recycling receptacles or take recyclables home.

4 Don't idle your car.

5 Bring a reusable water bottle.

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Make Your Household Climate-Friendly

Did you know that household energy use and personal transportation are responsible for over 40 percent of the United States' carbon footprint?

1 When buying new appliances and light-bulbs for your home, look for ENERGY STAR® qualified products for enhanced comfort and environmental benefits. Replacing the conventional bulbs in your five most frequently used light fixtures with bulbs that have earned the ENERGY STAR® could save you up to \$65 a year on energy bills.

2 Reducing, reusing, and recycling in your home helps conserve energy and reduces pollution and greenhouse gases from extracting raw materials, manufacturing, and disposal.

3 Lower your thermostat on winter nights and raise it in the summer. Make sure your windows, doors and attic are properly insulated to minimize loss of warm and cold air. When it's time to replace your old heating or cooling system, choose a high-efficiency model, and make sure it's properly sized and installed.

4 Green power is electricity generated from renewable energy sources such as wind and the sun that don't contribute to climate change. Consider buying green power or modifying your house to generate your own renewable energy.

5 Take public transportation, carpool, walk, or bike to help reduce your carbon footprint. One full city bus means about 40 fewer cars on the road.

Sign Up!

Visit www.DoYourPartParks.org and learn more about how you can reduce your carbon footprint and save money on utility bills.

1 Look for ENERGY STAR® qualified products.

2 Reduce, reuse, and recycle.

3 Heat and cool smartly.

4 Use green power.

5 Reduce the number of miles you drive.

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